



April 1, 2018 Easter Sunday



“Christ is Risen!

Indeed, He is Risen! Alleluia!” This is the traditional Paschal Greeting that has been exchanged between Christians for centuries on this greatest day of the liturgical year, Easter Sunday. On this day, we rejoice in the victory that Jesus won in conquering sin and death for us by His rising from the dead. Far from being just a remembrance of a past event, it’s one that continues to have relevance in our lives.

Easter Sunday, and especially the celebration of the Easter Vigil, invites us to recall our participation in this victory through the Sacrament of Baptism which we have received. For me, one of the most striking moments of the Easter Vigil is when those gathered stand with their lighted candles and renew their Baptismal promises. The candles we hold remind us of the light of Christ that has conquered the darkness of sin for all peoples. It also reminds us of when that light was given to us on the day of our Baptism and we were called to “keep the flame of faith alive in your hearts.” Unattended, flames go out. So too with our faith, thus the need to see our Baptismal promises as something we strive to live every day, not being content to remember it as a one-time event from the past.

A good question for us on this Easter Sunday would be this: **Is the flame of faith given to me on the day of my Baptism burning brightly?** Or, has it faded? In all honesty, I think we could all say that this flame is not burning as brightly as we might like. But, there’s no room for sadness over this reality. See it as an invitation to recommit yourself to fanning that flame so as to experience the peace and joy that comes from being guided by the light, a light which will never lead us astray, but will keep us on the path that leads to the reaching of our final destination in Heaven when our journey on earth ends.

In order to help us to make this recommitment, I’d like to reflect on the baptismal promises that we renew on Easter Sunday. Each week, we’ll look at one of those promises and consider how we can recommit in that particular area of our life given our present circumstances.

Next Sunday is Divine Mercy Sunday, a day on which the Church recalls the greatest attribute of Jesus, His mercy. For some, maybe what we

need is for the flame of faith to be relit through the Sacrament of Reconciliation. The Church, as a loving mother, extends the invitation to trust in Jesus’ mercy and to begin again on this path of Christian discipleship.

-Father Alford

Anointing of the Sick:

If you are going into the hospital for surgery or have a serious illness, receive the Sacrament of the Sick. Please call the parish office to receive the Sacrament, administered privately or during daily Mass. Call Barb Scoggins at 217-498-9197 to have a family member placed on the prayer list.

Prayer List:

- Danny Tinsley, parishioner
- Lynn F. Leach, parishioner
- Kathy Smith, parishioner
- Evelyn Conboy, parishioner
- Jim & Mary Kates, parishioners
- JoAnn Camille, parishioner
- Harold Sheppard, parishioner
- David Laub, parishioner
- Betty & Ray Rowden, parishioners
- Rita Spannagel, mother of Jill Whitney
- Tommy Martin, nephew of Debbie Decker
- Margie Lammert, mother of Sarah Clare
- Nick Riordan, cousin of Amy Zack
- Steven Butts, brother of Michelle Bullock
- Mary Ann Midden, mother of Kathleen Quinn
- Reba Cloyd, mother of Anita Schwab
- Joanne O’Connor, sister of Ginger Rentschler
- Jennifer Harbeck, cousin of Brad Zack
- Joanna Laabs, wife of Deacon Al Laabs
- Mary Alice Tuxhorn, friend of JoAnn Camille
- John Vercautern, cousin of Laurie White
- Logan Flotkoetter, friend of Mary Bruno
- Elizabeth Moose, friend of Barb Scoggins
- Cherie Peterson, niece of Peggy Parnell
- Sara Graue, sister of Barb Sinkus
- Fr. Barry Harmon, Diocesan Priest



Thank You to the ladies of the Martha’s group, for always being there to help our families by providing comfort through food and hard work as the families deal with the difficulties of losing a loved one. You are much appreciated! If you would like to be added to the list of volunteers, please call the office or email. We always need more helpers.

HAPPENINGS THIS WEEK!!!

The † symbolizes the Mass is for someone who is deceased.

Parish Sacrificial Giving Fiscal Year 7/1/17-6/30/18

Last Week Year to Date

Collection (99)	\$ 6,045.85	\$204,329.52
Electronic funds (1)	\$ 200.00	\$ 51,633.80
Bldg. Dev. Fund (3)	\$ 25.00	\$ 11,024.00
EFT – Dev. Fund (0)	\$ 0.00	\$ 5,557.00
Poor Fund	\$ 5.00	\$ 2,185.83
Children’s Stewardship (1)	\$ 2.00	\$ 18.00
Catholic Relief (3)	\$ 20.00	\$ 1,610.00
EFT-Cath.Relief(0)	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
Holy Land (4)	\$ 135.00	\$ 160.00
EFT- Holy Land (0)	\$ 0.00	\$ 122.00
Seminarians (1)	\$ 20.00	\$ 20.00

Number of collection envelopes used: 111

Number of electronic contributions: 1

Holy Saturday, March 31st

9:30 a Morning Prayer
8:00 p **Easter Vigil Mass** (Int: All Souls†)

Easter Sunday, April 1st

8:00 a **Mass** (Int: for the Parish)
9:10 a **NO PSR**
9:30 a Wyndcrest: Father Alford
10:00 a **Rosary**
10:30 a **Mass** (Int: Evelyn Cannon†)

Monday, April 2nd

Office Closed

NO MASS

Tuesday, April 3rd

9:00 a **Counting Team #1**
7:00 a Morning Prayer
7:30 a **Mass** (Int: Raymond Roth, Sr.†)
8:00 a Scriptural Rosary

Wednesday, April 4th

7:00 a Morning Prayer
7:30 a **Mass** (Int: Robert Dees†)
8:00 a Scriptural Rosary
6:30 p **PSR**
7:00 p **Choir rehearsal**

Thursday, April 5th

7:00 a Morning Prayer
7:30 a **Mass** (Int: Roberta Davis†)
8:00 a Scriptural Rosary

Friday, April 6th

7:00 a Morning Prayer
7:30 a **Mass** (Int: Christopher Weier†)
8:00 a Scriptural Rosary

Saturday, April 7th

8:30 a **Confessions**
9:00 a **Mass** (Int: All Souls)
3:30 p **Confessions**
4:30 p **Mass** (Int: Harold Bertrand†)

Sunday, April 8th

7:30 a **Confessions**
8:00 a **Mass** (Int: Joyce Hogan†)
9:10 a **PSR**
9:30 a Wyndcrest: Jim Nelson
9:45 a **Confessions**
9:45 a **Choir Rehearsal**
10:00 a **Rosary**
10:30 a **Mass** (Int: for the Parish)

SCRIPTURE READINGS: Apr. 1st – Apr. 8th

Easter Sunday: ACTS 10:34A,37-43

COL 3:1-4 or COR 5:6B-8

JN 20:1-9 or MK 16:1-7

Monday: ACTS 2:14,22-33 MT 28:8-15
Tuesday: ACTS 2:36-41 JN 20:11-18
Wednesday: ACTS 3:1-10 LK 24:13-35
Thursday: ACTS 3:11-26 LK 24:35-48
Friday: ACTS 4:1-12 JN 21:1-14
Saturday: ACTS 4:13-21 MK 16:9-15
Sunday: ACTS 4:32-35 1JN 5:1-6
JN 20:19-31

LITURGICAL MINISTERS:

Saturday, April 7th – 8:00 p.m.

Euch. Min.: Fr. Alford, Deacon Ray, Riedle, Biesiada

Lectors: Auxier, Dwyer

Servers: Heiple, Sommer, Zack

Hospitality: H&M Bruno, J&D Kratz

Sunday, April 8th – 8:00 a.m.

Euch. Min.: Fr. Alford, Dowding, L&R Eifert

Lectors: Deimel, Nelson

Servers: Deen, Lauwerens, McClintock

Hospitality: Brandis, G&C Park, Parnell

Sunday, April 8th – 10:30 a.m.

Euch. Min.: Fr. Alford, Deacon Tom, Kohlrus, Livengood

Lectors: D&S Kuntzman

Servers: A&A Livengood, Ryan

Minister of Care: Nelson

Hospitality: Decker family

CLOW: Kohlrus & Toliver

Volunteer for this week –April 1st - April 8th

Church Duster: Laurie McWard

April Recycling Vol.: Jerry Calvert

April Food Volunteer: Jeannette Waters

Coffee & Donuts: Sun. April 8th

Don & Roberta Vanover

PSR NEWS –

April is when we collect boxes of **Hamburger Helper** to donate to the Food Pantry. Remember to bring in your donation to PSR!

It's that time of year again when we will be doing Pre-Registration for the fall PSR classes. Within the next 2 or 3 weeks I'll be sending out parent letters and registration forms with all the information for the 2018/2019 PSR Year. I will keep you updated as the time gets closer for pre-registration.

Worldwide Marriage Encounter

Celebrate as an Easter couple this year and find more for your relationship than you ever dreamt was possible from just one weekend together. Attend a Worldwide Marriage Encounter weekend as a celebration of your couple relationship. The next weekends are Apr. 20-22 or Aug 3-5, 2018 in St. Peters, MO. You can find out more by clicking on www.stl-wwme.org or calling at 314.649.7317.



FOR ST. MARTIN De PORRES

Each Sunday you are invited to bring non-perishable food items to mass and place them in the baskets as you enter the Church. All food is taken to St. Martin de Porres Center in Springfield to help their great mission to feed the poor and hungry.

Volunteers take the food in weekly to the Center.

Upcoming Parish Meeting/Events:

- Mon. April 2 – Easter Monday – office closed, no Mass
- Mon. April 9 – Pastoral Council mtg.
- Tue. April 10 – Mission Trip mtg.
- Tue. April 10 – Pre-Jordan
- Wed. April 11 - Bunco
- Thu. April 12 – RCIA
- Mon. April 16 – Adoration
- Tue. April 17 - K of C mtg.
- Sat. April 21 – Sew n Sews (date change, 3rd Saturday)
- Thu. April 26 – RCIA
- Sat. April 28 – Mission Trip Garage Sale

Diocesan Victim Assistance Coordinator
Pat Kornfield
217/321-1155

Father Patrick Cahill Memorial Scholarship

Each year since 2004, the Knights of Columbus Council #9640 has awarded the Father Patrick Cahill Memorial Scholarship to a graduating high school senior. Scholarship information and application are available on the website (stjude.dio.org) or at the Parish Office during regular business hours. Scholarship applications must be submitted, completely, by **15 April 2018**. The Scholarship will be awarded at the annual Knights of Columbus Appreciation Dinner in May.

Pregnancy Care Center of Springfield, Inc.

will hold its 36th Annual Spring Luncheon on Monday, April 16th at the Northfield Center. The event includes lunch, a silent auction, a bake sale, a raffle and entertainment by "On Occasion," A Quartet from Sound Celebration Chorus. Seats are \$30 and doors open at 10:30 a.m. To reserve a seat you can call the Center at 525-5630.

RECYCLING CANS FOR ST. PATRICK SCHOOL



donated to St. Patrick School!

Don't forget to save your aluminum cans, bag them and bring them to the brown wooden box at the front of the Parish Center. Volunteers take them in to the Recycling Center and all monies are

Divine Mercy Sunday

The Feast of Divine Mercy will be celebrated on **Sunday, April 8, 2018** at 2pm at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception. Rev. Christopher House will preside over a Prayer Service that includes: Exposition and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, Scriptural Readings, Blessing of the Image of Divine Mercy, Recitation of the Chaplet and Benediction. The Sacrament of Reconciliation will be available. Mass will not be a part of this Celebration. All are welcome.

OPEN DATES for the Meal Train!

We have a new set of dates in April to provide a nice home-cooked meal for Fr. Alford. To participate, simply go to <https://mealtrain.com/3lk360>, scroll down the calendar to find the date that works. You can learn more details on what to prepare under the "Special Instructions" section. Your kind gesture allows Fr. Alford the ability to focus his energies and time on the many tasks that our diocese and our own parish asks of him. Contact the parish office with any questions you might have about getting involved. Thank you for helping to keep the Meal Train on track!

St. Aloysius School is seeking a Grade School Principal for the 2018-2019 school year. Interested candidates please mail cover letter, resume, references, by April 25, 2018 to:
Father Clint Honkomp, O.P.
St. Aloysius School
2119 N. 20th Street
Springfield, IL 62702

St. Jude Parish Weekly Confession Times

Monday – 5:00-5:20 p.m.
Saturday – 3:30 – 4:15 p.m.
Sunday – 7:30 a.m.- 7:50 a.m.
Sunday – 9:45 a.m.- 10:15 a.m.

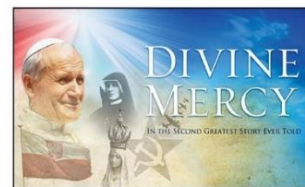
Thanks, Thanks, Thanks to the many people who have given their time for Holy week and Easter Sunday. The Art & Environment Committee, Liturgical Ministers and the Choir. It was a wonderful celebration!

FORMED PICK OF THE WEEK

Divine Mercy

Experience the Power of God's Mercy

Join Fr. Michael Gaitley on a breathtaking journey to uncover the reality of God's merciful love as he weaves together history, Sacred Scripture, the prophetic apparitions of Fatima, and the world-changing witnesses of St. Faustina, St. Maximilian Kolbe, and Pope St. John Paul II.



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Mission Trip News

The youth going on this year's mission trip will be selling raffle tickets after all masses on April 14-15. The tickets are \$10 each or 3 for \$20. Only 600 tickets will be sold. The drawing will be on Mother's Day. The winner will receive their choice of either 1) \$650 cash 2) \$650 shopping spree at Scheels or 3) whole hog, processed by Magros. In addition to the chosen prize, the winner will also receive a new Weber charcoal grill. If you would like to purchase raffle tickets and won't be at St. Jude's on those dates, contact Kay Foster at yakyakf@comcast.net or 217-494-2984.

We will be holding our annual garage sale to benefit the youth mission trip on Saturday, April 28 from 8-12. If you wish to donate items, they can be dropped off at the parish center April 26-27.

St. Therese Guild, Church of the Little Flower Geranium Sale.

Download the order forms: <http://littleflowerchurch.net> or obtain from the Little Flower church office. Order with payment due Friday, April 13.

